

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joshua King on 4/10/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 1-4, 6-7, 22-24.

Claim 12 line 9, after "configured to" insert --- substantially entirely"

Line 11, after "outside doors", insert ---- and in contact with an inner face of the outside door and an outer face of the inside door----

Claim 21 line 2, replace [at least one....structure, and] with ---- a columbarium structure defining a plurality of niches, and each niche ----

Line 12, after "for removal", insert -----;

wherein the columbarium further comprising a resilient material between the inside and outside doors and in contact with the inner face of the outside door and the outer face of the inside door, a ledge extending from the columbarium structure in proximity to the bottom wall of at least one niche, wherein the horizontal ledge is configured to support a lower edge of the outside door -----

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 12-15, 17-18, 21 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: prior art does not provide sufficient motivation to modify either Omeechevarria (3958378) or Downey (912368) to show an inside door configured to cover the open end of the niche and attached to the columbarium structure by a first set of tamper resistant hardware, an outside door configured to cover the inside door and attached to the columbarium structure by a second set of tamper resistance hardware such that an inner face of the outside door is supported by an outer face of the inside door, the outside door is configured to conceal the first set of tamper resistance hardware, a resilient material between the inside and the outside doors and in contact with an inner face of the outside door and an outer face of the inside door in combination with other claimed limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Prior art shows columbarium structure.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phi D A whose telephone number is 571-272-6864. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Glessner can be reached on 571-272-6843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 3633

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